

## STARS AND STRIPES OLDEST OF ALL FLAGS

### National Museum Enshrines Banners Showing Periodic Changes.

What do you know about the origin, meaning and history of the American flag?

Take a trip to the National Museum, the national depository of American relics, if you wish to learn many things about the flag which you may not know. Naturally there were many forms of early flags, especially colonial types used by the individual colonies, and militia regiments, before the flag of the United States was established by the Continental Congress on July 14, 1777, now celebrated as Flag Day.

At that time Washington is said to have observed, "We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

The first display of the Stars and Stripes is believed to have been on August 6, 1777, when the new flag was hoisted over the troops at Fort Mifflin, near Philadelphia. John Paul Jones is said to have been the first to fly the Stars and Stripes over the high seas, on the "Ranger," in November, 1777. The National Museum has an early naval 13-star type flag said to have been flown by John Paul Jones during the war of the revolution.

The series of flags in the National Museum show the periodic changes which have taken place in our flag. From the time of the Revolution, the stars and stripes in the flag have varied. There were 13 stars during the Revolution, 15 in the War of 1812, 20 in the Mexican war, 25 in the civil war, 48 in the Spanish war, and 48 today. The stripes were changed first from 13 to 15, and then back again to 13.

It may be surprising to know that our national flag is among the oldest flags of the nations, being older than the present British Jack, the French Tricolor, and the flag of Spain, and many years older than the flag of Germany and Italy. Some of the flags of the world are those of the reigning families.

The flag of the highest historic and sentimental value to the whole country is in the National Museum collection. It is the original "Star Spangled Banner," which flew over Fort Mifflin in Baltimore Harbor, during the bombardment on September 13-14, 1814, and was the inspiration of Francis Scott Key's immortal poem, now sung as our national anthem.

It seems that for many years the army did not carry the Stars and Stripes in battle though it had been in general use as a garrison flag. The land forces during this period and before it, carried what was known as national colors or standards, of blue with the arms of the United States emblazoned thereon, comprising an eagle surmounted by a number of stars, with the designation of the body of troops.

Many styles and forms of the stars and stripes flag were in existence up to 1862, and it was not until during President Taft's administration that definite specifications were drawn up. An executive order, dated October 23, 1912, tended to standardize the "Stars and Stripes," and yet further specifications in sizes were found necessary by President Wilson, one year later.

The history of our flag indicates that the "Stars and Stripes" was not carried by our troops in battle until the period of the Mexican war, 1846-47.

Electricity is the only agent which will thaw frozen water pipes without their being dug up. With the action of electricity the pipe can be easily thawed in a short time, the passage of current through the pipe heating it sufficiently to melt the ice.

## CADETS TO GO IN CAMP.

### High School Boys Will Receive Real War Training.

There will be no more "tin soldiers" in the corps of high school cadets when Assistant Superintendent of Schools Kramer has carried out his plan of sending the cadets to Winthrop, Md., for five days' actual war training. Only those of the cadets who desire to go, however, will be sent. The training period at Winthrop will begin next Monday and will last until the following Saturday.

Strict military discipline will be the rule at the camp. The entire time will be devoted to some kind of war training, if it is merely digging trenches. Unless rainy weather sets in, the boys will live in tents during their stay. The whole party will leave the navy yard door on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Each cadet is cautioned to bring along 50 cents for each day's stay. Lieut. Norman B. Briscoe, U. S. A., cadet instructor, will be in command.

## NAVY DOES NOT NEED COMPULSORY SERVICE

### Voluntary Enlistment Shows Steady Average Daily Increase.

Satisfactory showing in recruiting for the United States navy now is believed to be the reason for the Navy Department's announcement that the compulsory service proposed for the army will not affect it.

Reports to the department indicate that about 50 men a day are responding to the call for service with the first line of defense.

With the recruiting details hard at work at all the depots in the National Capital, officials believe that Washington should be proud of its display of patriotism as measured by a generous turn-out of recruits for service in the several branches of the army and navy. No sensational records were established at local stations here yesterday, but a normal day's business was reported generally.

The detail at the naval recruiting depot at Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue did considerable outside work yesterday, placarding the city with posters descriptive of navy life. A half dozen enlistments were reported here.

The army tent at Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue reported an exceptional day's showing in the number of applications filed there.

A good showing was made at the other stations.

## PUPILS AT ALUMNAE MEETING.

### Invitation Extended to High Schools to Attend Open Session.

All high school pupils in Washington were invited yesterday to attend the open meeting of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae which will be held here during Easter week in connection with the convention of the association, to which the pupils are invited to meet at Central High School and is of special interest to girls preparing for college.

The speakers will be President M. Cary Thomas, of Bryn Mawr; Mary E. Woolley, of Mount Holyoke; Dean Ada L. Comstock, of Smith, and Prof. Margaret R. Washburn, of Vassar.

The local branch of the association of Collegiate Alumnae will meet at the Willard Hotel Tuesday afternoon to plan a part in the war for the women of the nation. This meeting is a preliminary one to the session of the national body.

It is expected a resolution will be adopted asking for woman's division in the Department of Labor and demanding more consideration and more rapid promotion for women in civil service.

This meeting will be the first held in the National Capital since 1908.

## EXPECT 10,000 FOR HOME DEFENSE GUARD

### League Organized Here to Aid Police During War.

Organization of a Home Defense League here, composed of citizen volunteers who desire to aid the local police during the war, will be perfected early next week. Heads of commercial and civic associations met with District Commissioner Brownlow yesterday afternoon, approved the plan to organize and voted to place the details of organization in the hands of a committee headed by Maj. Raymond W. Pullman, superintendent of police. The committee will be announced this morning.

Patriotic demonstrations seldom seen in a gathering of local citizens marked the meeting yesterday. The plan as thus far shaped contemplates dividing the city into sections outlined by the police precincts. A battalion or more of citizens will compose the Home Defense division of their precinct.

In case of war emergencies, fire, riot or other disturbance, the organized members of the league will report instantly to their precinct for orders. A uniform may be adopted, but the guard will not be armed. The organizers predict that from 5,000 to 10,000 citizens will volunteer their services.

Every citizen invited yesterday appeared at the conference; among them were A. Lettich Sinclair, president of the Chamber of Commerce; E. C. Brandenburg, president of the Board of Trade; E. P. Andrews, president of the Retail Merchants' Association; Charles S. Shreve, president of the Federation of Citizens' Associations; Woodbury Blair, president of the Metropolitan Club; F. W. Clarke, president of the Cosmos Club; Grafton Wilcox, president of the National Press Club; M. M. Parker, president of the University Club; Gen. Scriven, president of the Riding and Hunt Club; Adm. Osterhaus, president of the Army and Navy Club; A. L. Baldwin, president of the Society of Engineers; G. Wythe Cook, president of the Medical Society; John L. Weaver, president of the Commercial Club; Melvin C. Hazen, District Surveyor; Dr. W. C. Woodward, health officer; Odell S. Smith, M. A. Winter, president of the Rifle Association; Col. Semmes, president of the Military Service League; J. S. Esby-Smith, president of the Washington Bar Association.

## WONDERFUL STUFF! GEE! YOU'LL LIKE IT

Apply a few drops then lift corns or calluses off with fingers—no pain.

No humbug! Any corn, whether hard, soft or between the toes, will loosen right up and lift out, without a particle of pain or soreness.

This drug is called freestone and is a compound of ether discovered by a Cincinnati man.

Ask at any drug store for a quarter ounce of freestone, which will cost but a trifle, but is sufficient to rid one's feet of every corn or callus.

Put a few drops directly upon any tender, aching, corn or callus. Instantly the soreness disappears and shortly the corn or callus will loosen and can be lifted off with the fingers.

This drug freestone doesn't eat out the corns or calluses but shrivels them without even irritating the surrounding skin.

Just think! No pain at all; no soreness or smarting when applying it or afterwards. Try a little and see for yourself—Adv.

## Today's Events

Meeting of Army and Navy Union Drum Corps attached to President's Own Garrison, No. 14, Union Station, 7 p. m.  
Meeting of Federation of Citizens' Association, board room, Municipal Building, 8 p. m.  
Meeting of Biological Society of Washington, Cosmos Club, 8 p. m.  
Lecture on Christian Science by Charles I. Oberholzer, Ingers Memorial Church, Tenth street and Massachusetts avenue northwest, 8 p. m.  
Meeting of Maine State Association, W. C. T. U. Hall, 225 Sixth street northwest, 8 p. m.  
Annual business meeting, Friends' Alumni Association.  
Talk by Congressman M. Clyde Kelly before Pennsylvania Society, Eleventh and E streets northwest, 4 p. m.  
Talk by College Equal Suffrage League, suffrage headquarters, 123 Rhode Island avenue, 4 to 6 p. m.  
Odd Fellows—Canton Washington, No. 1, Patuxent Mill, 8 p. m.

Amusements  
Belasco—"Very Good Eddie," 2:15 and 8:30 p. m.  
New National—"Twin Beds," 2:15 and 8:30 p. m.  
Polk's-New Polk Players, in "Alma, Where Do You Live," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.  
Edith's-Vanderbilt, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.  
Gayety-Burlesque, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.  
Cosmos-Vanderbilt, 12:30 and 11:30 p. m.  
Columbia-Photoplay, 10:30 a. m. to 11 p. m.  
Strand-Photoplay, 11 a. m. to 11 p. m.  
Garden-Photoplay, 11 a. m. to 11 p. m.

## ALIEN GAG NOW IN FORCE.

### Enemy Residents Must "Obey the Law and Keep Mouth Shut."

"Obey the law, and keep your mouth shut."

That is if you are a German alien enemy and want to keep out of a detention camp. Such are the instructions issued by the order of the United States Attorney General, Thomas W. Gregory, Notices to the effect have been posted in the public buildings of the District. District Attorney Lauckey and United States Marshal Maurice Spaulding received instructions yesterday immediately upon the signing by the President of the war resolution and thereupon acted in accordance with orders from the Attorney General. The full text of the warning reads:

"No German alien enemy, in this country who has not hitherto been implicated in plots against the United States need have any fear of action by the Department of Justice so long as he observes the following war rule: Obey the law, and keep your mouth shut."

## SNAKES! REALLY, TRULY SNAKES, CAUSE RIOT

### Lure of Spring Sun Brings Reptiles From Hibernation.

Ten harmless sarter snakes and four gilded moccasins took it into their heads that it was high time they came out of their holes, and seeking the welcome sun again, mobilized in close formation on the warm brick sidewalk in the neighborhood of Eleventh and B streets southeast.

How long they rested there, luxuriating in the warmth of Old Sol, with whom they hadn't been acquainted for some months, nobody is prepared to testify. But when a colored man, passing by, espied this formidable aggregation of reptiles he sounded an alarm that aroused the whole community.

A pitched battle ensued, a hastily assembled group of men and boys taking the aggressive. Where the snakes sunned themselves now is marked by a memorial of bricks, stones, tin cans, and other impedimenta brought into play.

Nor can it be said what toll of snake life was paid to the might of man. Garter snakes were seen dispersing themselves with lightning haste across the heaths that mark that neighborhood. At least one moccasin was seen to disappear in a hole bordering the marshy flats from which it was believed to have sallied forth, delighted that spring had come again.

## SINGS TO AID RECRUITING.

New York, April 6.—A soft-voiced woman is singing "The Star Spangled Banner" before naval recruiting stations here today, hoping for a bigger navy, because she wants her husband to come home. She is Mrs. Samuel H. Shank, of Indianapolis.

"I want my husband to come back home," she said. "He is United States consul at Palermo, Italy, and can't get back so long as the submarine blockade lasts," she told naval recruiting officers. She offered her services as a vocalist and speaker to stimulate recruiting, in hopes that a bigger navy of the United States would be able to sweep the seas of submarines.

## DAILEY WILL BROKEN.

### Mrs. J. W. Childress Now Entitled to \$150,000 Estate

A verdict breaking the will of Mrs. Charlotte T. Dailey, who left an estate of \$184,000 was rendered yesterday afternoon in the Probate Court before Justice McCoy after twelve days deliberation. The jury found that Mrs. Dailey, who committed suicide at her home, Twentieth street and Wyoming avenue northwest, June, 1912, four months after making her will, was mentally unbalanced. The will, as written by Mrs. Dailey, left everything to her brother, Sidney T. Manning, and the American Security and Trust Company as trustees to hold the estate for 21 years after her death.

The income was to be paid to the daughter, Mrs. John W. Childress, Mrs. Childress, who through her attorneys, Frank J. Hogan, J. J. Hamilton and Edmund Brady, contested the will, is now entitled to the entire estate.

## SAY UNSANITARY MILK IS SENT TO DISTRICT

### Health Board Dissatisfied With Prosecution of Known Violators.

That the Police Court prosecutions against milk dealers who furnish their patrons unclean and unsanitary milk have been ineffective and that large shipments of this product have been brought into the city from unlicensed farms in violation of the law enacted by Congress in 1886, has caused Health Department officials to seek a solution of the problem to enforce the law.

It is pointed out that inspectors of the Health Department repeatedly have filed information in the Police Court against milk dealers who brought in shipments of unlicensed milk, but that comparatively few cases have appeared on the docket, and the dealers thus noted have continued to trade in this product in open competition with those who have complied with the law.

Dr. W. C. Woodward, of the Health Department, suggests that steps be taken to enact a law that will cover the cases coming every day to the notice of the department.

## ROBERT HARDISON GETS POLICE COURT BENCH

### Kentuckian Nominated by President to Succeed Judge Pugh.

Robert Hardison, of Kentucky, was nominated yesterday by President Wilson to succeed James L. Pugh as one of the two judges of the Police Court of the District. Judge Pugh's term expired March 30, 1916. His successor has been in the customs division of the Department of Justice in New York City. Before he went to New York he was assistant district attorney of Muskogee, Okla.

Mr. Hardison was born in Lewis, Logan County, Ky. He attended Bethel College, at Russellville, Ky., and studied law there. Later he practiced law at Russellville, then moving to Greenville, which is his legal residence today.

His nomination by the President was urged by Senator Ollie James, of Kentucky. Mr. Hardison is 46 years old. The term of a Police Court judge is six years and carries a salary of \$3,600. Judge Pugh had occupied the bench for seven years, acting in a hold-over capacity for more than a year. He was appointed by President Taft in April, 1908. Prior to his appointment to the bench Judge Pugh was for nineteen years assistant corporation counsel of the District and has been connected with the Police Court in an official capacity for twenty-six years. He expects to resume the practice of law after his successor has been sworn in.

## REVOKE MOTOR CAR LICENSE.

### Woman Charged with Causing Fatal Injury Has Permit Withdrawn.

License to operate a motor vehicle has been revoked from Mrs. Mary Buxton, aged 50, 1024 Vermont avenue northwest, by order of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Several weeks ago Mrs. Buxton while operating an automobile near Scott circle collided with a German woman, who according to the findings of a coroner's jury, died from the effects of the collision.

Mrs. Buxton was ordered held in \$3,000 bail for the grand jury by the coroner's jury.

## MEN--What Are You Going to Do About Those Easter 'Togs'?

You're going to be "dressed-up." B-K's stock of Suits for spring for the young chap and the man of conservative taste is complete and brimful of all that's needed to make them the kind of clothes you ought to wear. Pinch-back and belted-back models in one and two-button effects. The smartest patterns, the nobbiest weaves. You know how inferior dyes have been substituted in many instances. It's a fact that woollens are soaring all the time and it is for such reasons that we emphasize the fact that "B-K means O. K. in Clothes Matters."

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At \$3.95—Special attention is directed to the beautiful Trimmed Hats we are showing at \$3.95, among which are the newest and smartest effects ever shown in Washington. There are large hats, sailors, soft-brim hats, turbans, small hats, and other charming styles, suitable for women and young girls. Come and see this collection of smart, distinctive trimmed hats—you are sure to find something to please you, and the price will be only \$3.95.

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